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ONE EVENING, AS SOCIALITE BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS WARD, DICK GRAYSON, LISTEN TO A RADIO NEWS BROADCAST...

THE **SHAH OF NAIROMI**, WITH HIS COMPLETE ENTOURAGE, ARRIVES IN GOTHAM CITY TOMORROW--- A MOST IMPORTANT VISITOR TO THESE SHORES...

IMPORTANT IS RIGHT! THE SHAH'S COUNTRY CONTAINS THE SINGLE LARGEST SOURCE OF URANIUM IN THE WORLD. HE'S A MAN I'D LIKE TO HAVE ON **MY** SIDE!

OH-OH! THERE'S THE **BATSIGNAL** CALLING US TO COMMISSIONER GORDON'S OFFICE AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS. LET'S GET GOING, BRUCE!

SWIFTLY, BRUCE AND DICK DON THE GARB OF **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN THE BOY WONDER!** AND LATER, WHEN THEY REPORT TO THE POLICE COMMISSIONER...

THESE GENTLEMEN FROM THE **STATE DEPARTMENT, BATMAN**, ARE JUST AS ANXIOUS AS I THAT NO UNPLEASANT INCIDENT MARS THE VISIT OF THE SHAH...

YES, WHILE THE SHAH HAS MANY BODYGUARDS, WE'RE HAPPY THAT COMMISSIONER GORDON IS ASSIGNING YOU, **BATMAN**, TO KEEP A WATCHFUL EYE ON OUR VISITOR!

LATER, AS **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** LEAVE HEADQUARTERS...

VICKI VALE, THE **FAMOUS** PHOTOGRAPHER! HELLO! HOW ARE YOU?

NEVER BETTER! I'M COVERING THE SHAH'S VISIT FOR MY MAGAZINE--- I UNDERSTAND YOU'RE ASSIGNED TO LOOK OUT FOR HIM! SEE YOU AT THE RECEPTION TOMORROW!

NEXT EVENING, AS GOTHAM CITY SOCIETY TURNS OUT TO WELCOME THE SHAH...

AND WHAT IS YOUR NAME, MY BEAUTIFUL ONE?

VICKI VALE, YOUR HIGHNESS...

LATER, WHEN VICKI MEETS ELOISE LEACH, PHOTOGRAPHER FOR A RIVAL MAGAZINE...

YOU SURE MADE A SPECTACLE OF YOURSELF, DEARIE--- SLOBBERING ALL OVER THAT FAT LITTLE SHAH! WHAT SOME GIRLS WON'T DO TO GET A STORY!

RELAX, ELOISE. THERE IS NOTHING TO BE JEALOUS ABOUT!

THAT GAL DOESN'T LIKE ME--- NEVER DID! SOMETHING TELLS ME I'D BETTER BE ON MY GUARD!

NEXT DAY, IN VICKI'S APARTMENT...

ALL THIS--- FOR ME???

COMPLIMENTS OF THE SHAH, MISS VALE! I AM ALI KHEDUN, HIS PERSONAL SECRETARY--- BEARING VERY HAPPY NEWS FOR YOU!

FOR YEARS, THE SHAH HAS COMBED THE WORLD SEARCHING FOR THE RIGHT WOMAN TO BE HIS WIFE! THE SEARCH IS OVER, MISS VALE! HE HAS SELECTED YOU!

ME??? VICKI VALE?? THERE MUST BE SOME MISTAKE!

IT'S NO MISTAKE! AND NOW I LEAVE YOU, TO CONSIDER HIS PROPOSAL. I SHALL RETURN THIS EVENING FOR THE ANSWER---CONFIDENT, OF COURSE, THAT YOU WILL NOT ANGER THE SHAH BY REFUSING HIM...

JEEPERS! WHY DID THIS HAVE TO HAPPEN TO ME???

STUNNED, VICKI RUSHES TO HER EDITOR FOR ADVICE. LATER, WHEN THEY ARE JOINED BY STATE DEPT. OFFICIALS...

BUT I CAN'T MARRY THAT--- FUNNY LITTLE MAN!

MISS VALE, THIS IS A VERY DELICATE SITUATION! WE CANNOT AFFORD TO OFFEND THE SHAH! ANYTHING BUT A VERY GOOD REASON FOR TURNING HIM DOWN... WOULD OFFEND HIM!

SUDDENLY A WILD IDEA FORMS IN VICKI'S MIND! IN THE NEXT MOMENT, SHE BLURTS IT OUT!

I CAN'T MARRY HIM... BECAUSE I'M ENGAGED! I'M SECRETLY ENGAGED TO BE MARRIED!

COME, MISS VALE! THESE DAYS A WELL-KNOWN PERSONALITY SUCH AS YOU COULD SCARCELY KEEP HER ENGAGEMENT A SECRET! YOU CAN'T ASK THE SHAH TO BELIEVE THAT!

YES, I CAN! YOU SEE... MY ENGAGEMENT HAS BEEN KEPT SECRET BECAUSE I'M ENGAGED TO BATMAN!

BATMAN? WOW!

I KNEW YOU HAD A CRUSH ON BATMAN, VICKI---BUT... SAY---IF YOU'RE KIDDING, I'LL FIRE YOU!

LATER, WHEN VICKI LEAVES HER OFFICE...

SIGNAL 38--- SIGNAL 38--- ARMED ROBBERY AT THE GOTHAM APPLIANCE COMPANY!

I'VE GOT TO GET TO BATMAN FIRST--- URGE HIM TO PLAY ALONG WITH MY HOAX! OH-OH! A LUCKY BREAK! THAT POLICE CALL! BATMAN'S PROBABLY ON HIS WAY TO ANSWER IT!

POLICE

AND, IN THE SHOWROOM OF THE ELECTRICAL APPLIANCE COMPANY...

THE TOP OF THIS COFFEE PERCOLATOR SURE COMES IN HANDY! LOOK, BATMAN... IT SERVES UP CROOKS UNDER GLASS!

CAN'T STOP! THESE OTHERS HAVE TOO MUCH OF A HEAD START!

THEN, AS AN INSPIRATION COMES TO THE VAUNTED LAWMAN...

WOW! NICE WORK, BATMAN! LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE CLEANING UP!

CLICK!

ON

LUCKY THIS VACUUM CLEANER WAS CONNECTED! WELL, WE'VE FOILED ANOTHER ROBBERY ATTEMPT, ROBIN!

LATER, WHEN VICKI INTERCEPTS BATMAN IN THE STREET AND INFORMS HIM OF HER ACTIONS...

ENGAGED? VICKI, HOW COULD YOU DO SUCH A THING? I'LL HAVE TO DENY IT!

PLEASE, BATMAN! IT'S ONLY FOR A FEW WEEKS, UNTIL THE SHAH LEAVES! IT'S THE ONLY WAY OUT FOR ME--- AND IT'S FOR THE GOOD OF OUR COUNTRY, TOO!

REALIZING THE VALIDITY OF VICKI'S ARGUMENTS, BATMAN RELUCTANTLY AGREES...

ALL RIGHT, I'LL DO IT--- BUT ONLY BECAUSE OF THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE WORLD SITUATION. BUT REMEMBER--- IT'S YOUR HOAX! I'LL LEAVE THE HANDLING OF IT TO YOU!

OH, THANK YOU, BATMAN!

SUDDENLY...

JUST A MINUTE, BATMAN!

BATMAN--- IS IT TRUE YOU'RE ENGAGED TO MISS VALE?

YOU HEARD VICKI, BOYS! I GUESS SHE KNOWS WHAT SHE'S DOING!

WOW! SHE'S BOSSIN' BATMAN ALREADY!

AND THAT NIGHT, WHEN THE PAPERS REACH THE STREETS...

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BATMAN ENGAGED TO VICKI VALE

FAMED LAW-MAN FINALLY SUCCUMBS TO CUPID! WEDDING PLANS BEING DISCUSSED

SHAH TAKES DEFEAT GRACEFULLY! CONGRATULATES ENGAGED COUPLE! PROCLAIMS VICKI STILL HIS IDEAL BEAUTY!

A FEW NIGHTS LATER, AT A CROWDED RECEPTION FOR VICKI AND BATMAN GIVEN BY THE SHAH...

GOSH, THE SHAH IS REALLY TAKING A PERSONAL INTEREST IN THE ROMANCE OF VICKI AND BATMAN!

THAT'S RIGHT! HE REALLY THINKS THE WORLD OF VICKI!

MY, DON'T THEY MAKE AN ADORABLE COUPLE!

(WHISPER) COME ON, BATMAN, WE'VE GOT TO MAKE THIS LOOK GOOD!

SHE'S ENJOYING THE WHOLE HOAX--- BUT I'D BE MUCH HAPPIER TAKING ON A DEADLY CRIMINAL, ANY DAY!

AND THEN AS IF IN ANSWER TO HIS THOUGHTS, THE BAT-SIGNAL SUDDENLY STABS THROUGH THE NIGHT...

THE BAT-SIGNAL! GOT TO LEAVE!

OH WELL, A GIRL CAN'T HAVE EVERYTHING! ALL HUSBANDS LEAVE FOR WORK AT SOME TIME OR OTHER!

COME, MY DEAR--- YOU SHALL JOIN US WHILE YOUR FIANCE GOES ABOUT HIS BUSINESS!

MINUTES LATER, IN ANOTHER SECTION OF THE CITY...

WE'RE COOKED! IT'S BATMAN AND ROBIN!

AND I THOUGHT, NOW THAT HE HAS A DAME, HE'D BE TOO BUSY TO BOTHER WITH US!

ES JEWELRY

AND AS DAYS PASS, BATMAN BECOMES MORE AND MORE UNCOMFORTABLE IN THE ROLE OF VICKI'S SUITOR...

THE SHAH WOULD THROW A DINNER PARTY FOR VICKI AND ME, ROBIN! AND VICKI WOULD INSIST THAT I BRING FLOWERS! I FEEL LIKE A FOOL!

HA-HA--- LOOK AT BATMAN! BRINGIN' HIS GAL POSIES! BOY--- HE'S REALLY GOT IT BAD! "LOVER" BATMAN, THAT'S WHAT WE OUGHT TO CALL HIM!

SUDDENLY, AS THE LAWMEN PASS THE GOTHAM MASTODON EXHIBIT...

BANG BANG

SHOTS, BATMAN! FROM INSIDE THE EXHIBIT!

LET'S GO!

AND INSIDE...

IVORY THIEVES, BATMAN! THEY'RE AFTER THE TUSKS ON THESE ELEPHANTS!

BANG

COME ON, ROBIN! WE'LL CIRCLE AROUND FROM BEHIND. KEEP THEM PINNED DOWN, GUARD. THEN, HOLD YOUR FIRE WHEN ROBIN AND I MOVE IN!

MOMENTS LATER...

BATMAN! BUT YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO BE AT A PARTY WITH YOUR GOIL FRIEND! I READ ABOUT IT IN THE PAPERS!

SORRY! I WAS DELAYED BECAUSE OF A PRIOR ENGAGEMENT--- WITH YOU TWO!

THE CROOKS TURNED OVER TO THE GUARD, ROBIN AND BATMAN REACH THE STREET...

LOOK AT THAT HORSE, BATMAN! THERE GOES VICKI'S BOUQUET!

AND WE HAVEN'T TIME TO STOP FOR ANOTHER... WE'RE LATE ENOUGH AS IT IS! WELL, VICKI WILL JUST HAVE TO DO WITHOUT FLOWERS, THAT'S ALL...

BUT, AT THE DINNER PARTY...

BATMAN, I TOLD YOU TO BRING ME FLOWERS! WAS THAT SO HARD TO DO? NOW I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY! I TOLD EVERY-ONE YOU ALWAYS BRING ME FLOWERS!

AM I GLAD THIS ENGAGEMENT IS ONLY TEMPORARY! I COULDN'T PUT UP WITH MUCH MORE OF THIS!

NEXT EVENING, AS **BATMAN** DROPS **ROBIN** AT VICKI'S APARTMENT HOUSE, TO TAKE HER TO THE THEATRE...

HELP!

THAT'S VICKI'S VOICE, **ROBIN!** SOMETHING'S **HAPPENED!**

AND MOMENTS LATER, WHEN THE **DARING DUO** CRASHES INTO HER APARTMENT...

OH, **BATMAN...** YOU'RE JUST IN TIME! I WAS SITTING FOR MY PORTRAIT WHEN THESE TWO RUFFIANS BARGED IN! THEY WERE GOING TO HOLD ME HOSTAGE AS A MEANS OF GETTING TO YOU!

YOU'RE SAFE NOW, VICKI--- AND UNHARMED! IF THEY HAD MARRED BUT ONE FEATURE OF YOUR LOVELY FACE, THE SHAH'S ANGER WOULD HAVE BEEN UNCONTROLLABLE!

HMM! THIS IS AN ADDED RESPONSIBILITY I'D FORGOTTEN ABOUT! WHILE VICKI'S ENGAGED TO ME, SHE'LL BE A NATURAL TARGET FOR ANY CROOK! I'VE GOT TO WATCH HER ALL THE TIME!

LATER, DURING AN INTERMISSION OF THE PLAY...

THAT'S ELOISE LEACH, **BATMAN!** I'M HER PET HATE! SOMEHOW I'VE GOT THE FEELING SHE'S WISE TO US--- AND I'M SCARED! SHE'LL STOP AT NOTHING!

ABRUPTLY, ELOISE LEAVES, AND HURRIES TO CONFER WITH HER EDITOR...

I TELL YOU, JOE--- IT'S ALL A **FAKE!** I CAN'T PROVE IT, BUT I **KNOW BATMAN** AND THAT WOMAN ARE **NOT** ENGAGED! I WANT TO DO A STORY THAT WILL **BLOW THIS HOAX SKY-HIGH!**

WAIT A MINUTE! YOU JUST SAID YOU CAN'T PROVE IT! IT'S **YOUR** WORD AGAINST **THEIRS**--- AND WHY SHOULD ANYONE PREFER TO BELIEVE **YOU?** NO! IF YOU WANT TO GET BACK AT VICKI, YOU'LL HAVE TO TRY SOME OTHER WAY!

THUS, AS ELOISE MAKES HER WAY HOME...

JOE'S RIGHT! I CAN'T EXPOSE THE HOAX! BUT I'VE GOT A **BETTER** IDEA! I'LL TEACH VICKI AND **BATMAN** A LESSON--- I'LL EMBARRASS THEM INTO ADMITTING THE HOAX--- BY FORCING **THEM INTO A MARRIAGE NEITHER OF THEM WANTED!**

A FEW DAYS LATER...

HA-HA! AN ANONYMOUS TIP TO THE PAPERS --- PHONY INVITATIONS SENT TO THE MOST IMPORTANT PEOPLE IN TOWN, INCLUDING THE SHAH --- AND PRESTO! --- THE MARRIAGE IS ON! NOW WON'T VICKI SQUIRM!

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BATMAN'S WEDDING DATE ANNOUNCED

LAWMAN'S NUPTIALS TO BE HELD IN TWO WEEKS

MEANWHILE...

AH, BATMAN! CONGRATULATIONS! I SEE YOU'VE ANNOUNCED THE WEDDING DATE! THANKS FOR SENDING ME THIS INVITATION!

INVITATION? I SENT YOU? WHAT IS THIS?

You are cordially Invited to Attend the Wedding Ceremony of Vicki Vale and Batman To be held next Sunday at 2:30 P.M.

ALL AT ONCE...

THOSE TWO MEN FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT...!

CONGRATULATIONS, BATMAN! I'VE JUST COME FROM THE SHAH! HE'S PLEASED AS PUNCH TO BE ABLE TO ATTEND YOUR WEDDING!

AND HE'S REALLY TAKING OVER, HE'S GOING TO RUN THIS WEDDING! WAIT TILL YOU SEE!

SUDDENLY, A COMMOTION DRAWS EVERYONE TO THE WINDOWS...

WHY, IT'S A CIRCUS PARADE! BUT I DON'T UNDERSTAND! THE CIRCUS WAS HERE LAST MONTH, AND THEN LEFT, AS IT ALWAYS DOES...

HAVEN'T YOU HEARD? THE SHAH BOUGHT THE ENTIRE BAKER BROTHERS' CIRCUS, JUST SO IT COULD ENTERTAIN AT BATMAN'S WEDDING!

VICKI HAS GONE TOO FAR, ROBIN! I'VE GOT TO SEE HER RIGHT AWAY!

YOU'RE GETTING IN DEEPER AND DEEPER! I SURE HOPE YOU CAN PULL YOURSELF OUT!

MEANWHILE, IN VICKI'S APARTMENT..

WELL, MY PET, I'VE DONE MY LITTLE DIRTY WORK. WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO COME OUT NOW AND ADMIT THIS WHOLE ENGAGEMENT IS A HOAX???

YOU'RE RIGHT, ELOISE--- IT WAS A HOAX! BUT YOU KNOW SOMETHING? WITHOUT MEANING TO, YOU'VE DONE ME A TREMENDOUS FAVOR!

BEING BATMAN'S FIANCEE WAS QUITE SOMETHING! I LIKED IT! AND I LIKE THE IDEA OF MARRYING HIM! NOW THAT YOU'VE PUT IT IN THE WORKS, I'M GOING AHEAD WITH IT! GOODBYE NOW!

OH, NO! MY WHOLE PLAN HAS BACKFIRED! HOW COULD I HAVE BEEN SUCH A FOOL?

AND LATER, WHEN BATMAN AND ROBIN ARRIVE...

I DIDN'T SEND OUT THOSE INVITATIONS AND ANNOUNCE OUR WEDDING DATE TO THE PRESS! ELOISE DID, HOPING TO EMBARRASS US INTO ADMITTING THE HOAX! BUT I'LL TELL YOU THE TRUTH--- NOW THAT IT'S GONE THIS FAR AND CAN'T BE STOPPED, I'M GLAD! I WANT TO BE MRS. BATMAN!

ALL AT ONCE...

AH, BATMAN... I'M GLAD YOU'RE HERE, TOO! SEE WHAT THE SHAH BESTOWS ON YOU! THE PRICELESS MATINOOR DIAMOND... THE PICK OF HIS CROWN JEWELS --- IT SHALL BE CUT INTO THE STONES FOR THE WEDDING BAND!

KNOW, TOO, THAT THE SHAH IS FLYING HERE A STAFF OF SPECIAL CHEFS TO PREPARE THE WEDDING FEAST!

AND THEN, AS IF THIS WERE NOT ENOUGH...

BATMAN, GREAT NEWS! WE'VE JUST HEARD FROM A WHITE HOUSE SPOKESMAN! THE PRESIDENT HIMSELF IS ARRANGING HIS SCHEDULE SO THAT HE CAN BE PRESENT AT THE WEDDING!

YOUR WEDDING IS A DIPLOMATIC COUP, BATMAN! IT HAS WON THE SHAH OVER TO OUR SIDE FOR ALL TIME!

AND LATE THAT NIGHT, AS TWO DESPERATE FIGURES SEEK AN ANSWER IN THE GLOOM OF THE BATCAVE...

IT LOOKS LIKE WE'RE SUNK, BATMAN! AND THAT MEANS EVERYTHING CHANGES! YOU WON'T HAVE MUCH TIME TO PAL AROUND WITH ME--- NOT WITH A WIFE AROUND...

DON'T TALK LIKE THAT, ROBIN! YOU KNOW THAT NOBODY CAN EVER SEPARATE US!

NEXT DAY, AT THE GOTHAM NEWS, AS BATMAN AND VICKI POSE FOR PICTURES...

I DEMAND THAT THIS WEDDING BE STOPPED! I HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT VICKI VALE'S BEAUTY WILL BE LOST FOREVER TO THE WORLD, IF SHE MARRIES BATMAN! I WILL NOT ALLOW THIS TO HAPPEN!

YES, THE GIRL WHO WEDS BATMAN MUST UNDERGO FACIAL SURGERY TO CHANGE HER APPEARANCE COMPLETELY! SHE MUST HAVE A NEW IDENTITY TO PROTECT HER HUSBAND'S VITAL SECRETS! REMEMBER, HE IS THE FAMOUS BATMAN!

HE'S RIGHT! I HADN'T THOUGHT ABOUT THAT...! OH, BATMAN, YOU WOULDN'T ASK ME TO...

I'M AFRAID I MUST FOR SAFETY'S SAKE!

THERE'S NO USE IN CROSSING THE SHAH. VICKI WILL CANCEL THE WEDDING!

WELL, IF VICKI CAN'T MARRY BATMAN, THAT MEANS WE'RE BACK WHERE WE STARTED...

WHAT I WANT TO KNOW, THEN, IS VICKI GOING TO MARRY THE SHAH?

NO, THAT IS NOW IMPOSSIBLE! THE SHAH'S ANCIENT ROYAL CODE PROHIBITS HIM FROM MARRYING A WOMAN ONCE BETROTHED! NEITHER BATMAN NOR THE SHAH WILL MARRY VICKI!

AND THAT NIGHT, IN THE BATCAVE...

WOW... THAT WAS A CLOSE CALL! I'M SURE GLAD YOU TOLD ELOISE LEACH ABOUT THE PLASTIC SURGERY BATMAN'S WIFE WOULD HAVE TO UNDERGO!

YES! I CALLED ON HER AS BRUCE WAYNE, GAVE HER A SCOOP! I KNEW SHE'D RUN RIGHT TO THE SHAH--- AND I FIGURED HE'D TAKE THE STEPS HE DID WHEN HE LEARNED WHAT WOULD HAPPEN TO THE VICKI HE SO CHERISHED!

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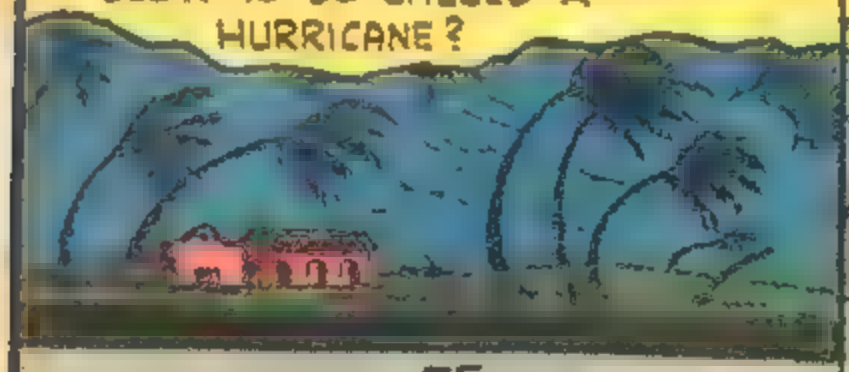
The END

QUICK QUIZ

HOW HARD MUST THE WIND BLOW TO BE CALLED A HURRICANE?



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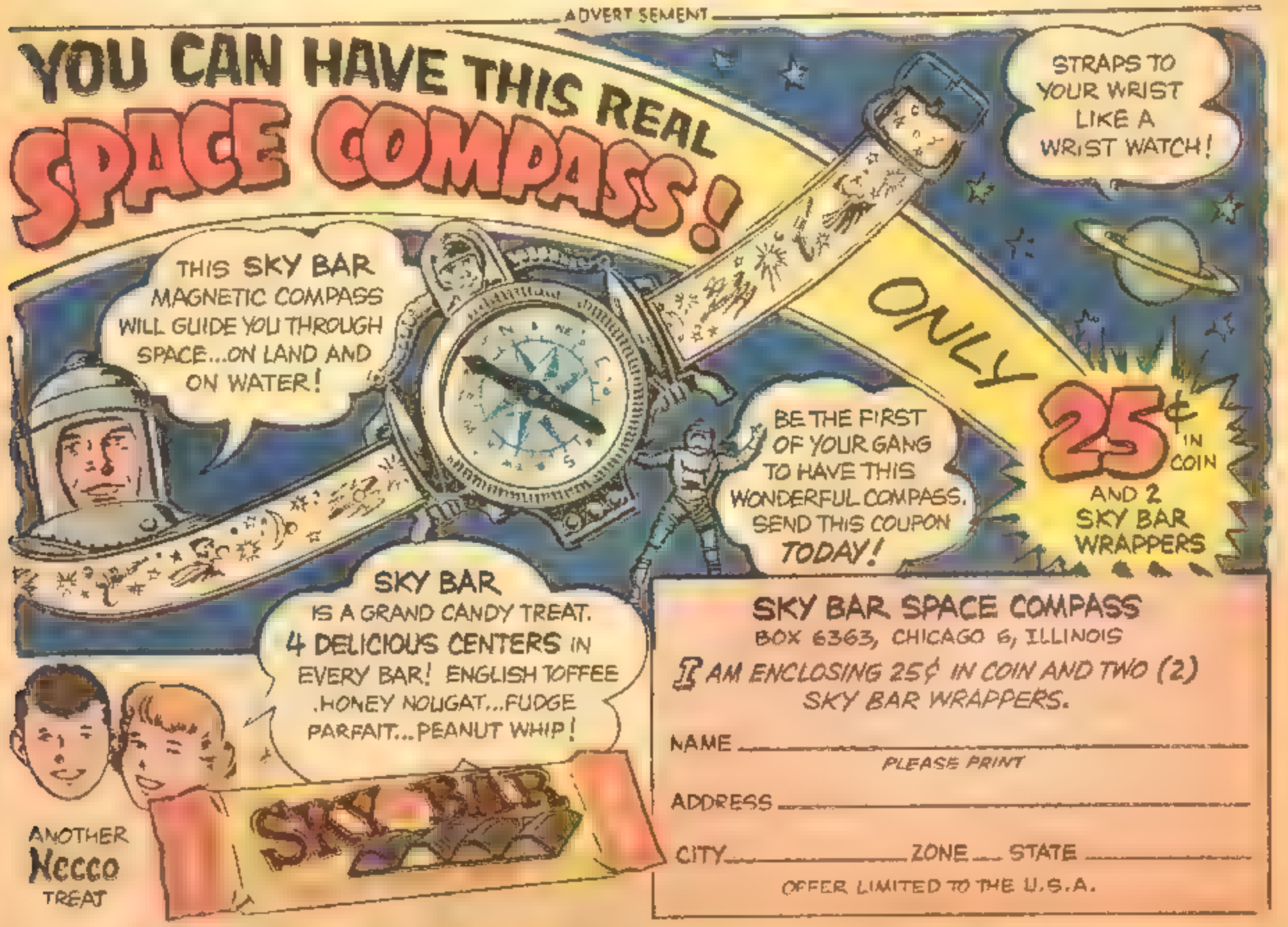
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IT BEATS ME, ALLERGY. MAYBE WE SHOULD TAKE HIM TO THE VET.

JIM AND *HIS* DOG HAVE A GOOD TIME TOGETHER. HE DOESN'T ACT THE WAY SPORT DOES.

TELL YOU WHAT, ALLERGY. LET'S GO ASK JIM WHAT TO DO.

... I GUESS THAT'S ALL I CAN TELL YOU. I FOUND OUT YOU HAVE TO *LEARN* ABOUT TAKING CARE OF A DOG. IT'S ALMOST LIKE A BABY--THE RIGHT FOOD, PLENTY OF AIR AND SUNSHINE, GROOMING, REST, EXERCISE --AND JUST HAVING FUN AND AFFECTION. YOU BETTER GO OVER TO THE LIBRARY AND SEE FOR YOURSELF.

SEE, BINKY, IT'S LIKE JIM SAID.

THERE'S SURE A LOT MORE TO IT THAN I THOUGHT.

YOUR DOG'S DIET

KEEPING YOUR PUPPY CLEAN

LATER...

DOG BISCUITS

DOG FOOD

LOOK, BINKY! I GUESS HE LIKES ME, AFTER ALL!

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BATMAN With ROBIN THE BOY WONDER

BACK THROUGH THE MISTS OF TIME GO **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN**, WHEN THEY ARE CONFRONTED BY A PRESENT-DAY MYSTERY WHOSE SOLUTION MUST BE FOUND TWO CENTURIES AGO! BACK TO THE DAYS WHEN GOTHAM CITY WAS A SMALL TOWN ON THE EDGE OF THE GREAT INDIAN-PEOPLED FOREST! AND WHEN THE **DYNAMIC DUO** FACE A SINISTER MENACE OF THE PAST, THEY FIND AN ALLY IN A CRYPTIC CHAMPION WHO IS, IN EVERYTHING BUT NAME...

"The BATMAN of YESTERDAY!"

'TIS YOUR **BAT-STEEDS** HAVE FRIGHTENED THE RASCALS, **BATMAN!**

BOB KANE

THE STRANGEST DETECTIVE-QUEST OF BATMAN AND ROBIN HAS ITS ORIGIN IN ONE OF THE MOST RUTHLESS CRIMES OF MODERN HISTORY! AS A GREAT TRAIN ROARS TOWARD GOTHAM CITY...

LOOK OUT---THERE'S SOMETHING ON THE TRACK!

TOO LATE--- WE'RE GOING OFF!

CRASH

AND BEFORE THE NOISE OF THE CRASH HAS DIED AWAY, HUMAN SCAVENGERS, LYING IN WAIT, ATTACK A SEALED EXPRESS CAR...

THAT LOG WE PUT ON THE TRACK SURE DID THE TRICK, BOSS!

YES---AND NOW TO GET THIS GOLD SHIPMENT OUT FAST BEFORE SOMEBODY COMES!

IN GOTHAM CITY, FAR FROM THE ISOLATED STRETCH OF TRACK WHERE THE WRECKED TRAIN LIES, AN URGENT ALARM REACHES THE EARS OF THOSE CAPED-CRIME-CRUSHERS, BATMAN AND ROBIN!

DISPATCHER AT MOUNTAIN JUNCTION REPORTS WRECK OF GOLD-TRAIN IN VALLEY BELOW, TWO MILES WEST! INVESTIGATE!

A GOLD TRAIN--- THAT WRECK MAY BE DELIBERATE SABOTAGE!

WE'D BETTER GET THERE, FAST!

THE POWERFUL BATMOBILE MAKES MINUTES OUT OF MILES! AND SOON...

LOOK, BATMAN... IT MUST HAVE BEEN DELIBERATE! THAT SEALED EXPRESS CAR HAS BEEN OPENED, AND THE GOLD STOLEN!

NO TIME TO GO AFTER THEM NOW! THE TRAIN'S CREW IS PINNED IN THAT WRECKAGE---WE'VE GOT TO GET THEM OUT!

HELP!

AFTER THE CREW HAS BEEN RESCUED, AND MORE HELP HAS ARRIVED...

A RUTHLESS AND WELL-PLANNED ROBBERY, BATMAN! BUT WHY WOULD THEY STEAL A SHIPMENT OF GOLD--- ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO FENCE?

THEY MAY PLAN TO SMUGGLE IT ABROAD---WE'LL KEEP CLOSE WATCH!

A WEEK LATER, A SENSATIONAL NEWSPAPER STORY STIRS THE SUSPICIONS OF THE DYNAMIC DUO!

IT SAYS THAT WALTER FRALEY, OF FOREST VALLEY, FOUND THE LONG-HUNTED BURIED GOLD OF CAPTAIN LIGHTFOOT, THE FAMOUS HIGHWAYMAN OF 200 YEARS AGO!

WALTER FRALEY HAS BEEN ON OUR "SUSPECTED CRIMINALS" LIST FOR SOME TIME! I THINK WE'LL GO LOOK AT THAT TREASURE!

THE GOTHAM NEWS

CITIZEN FINDS LONG-LOST GOLD TREASURE OF FAMOUS COLONIAL HIGHWAYMAN

IN FOREST VALLEY, NEAR GOTHAM CITY, THE "LUCKY TREASURE-HUNTER" SHOWS HIS FIND!

IT WAS ALWAYS RUMORED THAT CAPTAIN LIGHTFOOT, THE FAMOUS HIGHWAYMAN, BURIED HIS GOLD IN THIS VALLEY! I SEARCHED TILL I FOUND IT!

VERY INTERESTING!

RIGHT! BUT WE CAN'T DISPROVE HIS STORY, UNLESS WE FIND THE *REAL* TREASURE OF CAPTAIN LIGHTFOOT!

HE COULD HAVE MELTED DOWN THE STOLEN GOLD, INJECTED IMPURITIES AND RECAST IT INTO THOSE INGOTS FROM DIFFERENT MOLDS, SO IT WOULDN'T BE TRACED. FINDING "CAPTAIN LIGHTFOOT'S TREASURE" WOULD MAKE IT EASY TO ACCOUNT FOR THE GOLD!

BUT IT'S BEEN LOST 200 YEARS --- WE COULD DIG IN THIS VALLEY FOR YEARS WITHOUT FINDING IT!

YES--- BUT IF WE WENT BACK 200 YEARS IN THE PAST, WE COULD *SEE* WHERE CAPTAIN LIGHTFOOT BURIED IT! IN THIS EMERGENCY, WE'RE GOING TO CALL ON PROFESSOR NICHOLS ---AS BRUCE WAYNE AND DICK GRAYSON!

PROFESSOR CARTER NICHOLS, SCIENTIFIC MASTER OF AN HYPNOSIS TIME-TRAVEL TECHNIQUE, ACCEDES TO THE WISH OF HIS TWO GOOD FRIENDS TO SEE THE PAST AGAIN --- THIS TIME GOTHAM CITY'S PAST!

BACK----- BACK ALONG THE TIME-TRACK--- BACK TO GOTHAM CITY IN THE YEAR 1753---

AND AS THOUGH WAKING FROM A STRANGE SLEEP, BRUCE WAYNE AND DICK GRAYSON OF THE 20TH CENTURY FIND THEMSELVES IN THE UNFAMILIAR GOTHAM CITY OF BEFORE THE REVOLUTION...

WHEW! THOSE TRIPS ACROSS TIME ALWAYS MAKE ME DIZZY!

NOW THAT WE'RE HERE, HOW DO WE FIND THIS CAPTAIN LIGHT-FOOT? THAT WON'T BE EASY!

BUT DICK'S QUESTION IS ANSWERED DRAMATICALLY, FOR AS THEY EXPLORE THE OLD COLONIAL TOWN...

WHY IS THAT CHARACTER RINGING THE BELL SO URGENTLY?

THAT'S AN OLD COLONIAL ALARM-BELL! THERE'S TROUBLE AFOOT

CLANG

AWAKE

AWAKE

CLANG

WHAT'S THE ALARM FOR--- ARE THE INDIANS ATTACKING GOTHAM?

NO--- CAPTAIN LIGHTFOOT, THE HIGHWAYMAN, HAS STRUCK AGAIN! HE OVER-POWERED ME AND STOLE THE WAGON OF MERCHANDISE I WAS DRIVING TO THE NEXT SETTLEMENT FOR HUGO VORNEY!

CLANG

CLANG

HEAR THAT--- CAPTAN LIGHTFOOT!

HUGO VORNEY, GOTHAM MERCHANT, IS FURIOUS AT HIS LOSS...

THAT PERNICIOUS HIGHWAYMAN, LIGHTFOOT, HAS ALREADY STOLEN FIVE OF MY WAGONS OF GOODS--- I'LL GIVE HORSES TO ANYONE WHO'LL HELP ME CATCH HIM!

NOT US--- THE INDIANS OUT THERE ARE TOO HOSTILE THESE DAYS!

HERE'S OUR CHANCE, DICK! QUICK, AS **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** WE CAN GET IN ON THIS!

SO, AFTER A FAST SWITCH OF COSTUME IN THE SHADOWS...

WE'LL RIDE WITH YOU, VORNEY-- TWO CITIZENS OF GOTHAM CITY SWORN TO FIGHT CRIME, AND KEEPING OUR IDENTITIES SECRET THE BETTER TO DO IT!

YOUR GARB IS STRANGE--- BUT I NEED ANYONE WHO'LL HELP TO CATCH LIGHTFOOT! COME, THEN!

HORSES ARE QUICKLY SECURED, AND THEN HOOFS THUNDER THROUGH THE SILENT FOREST OUTSIDE GOTHAM CITY, FOLLOWING THE TRACKS OF THE STOLEN WAGON UNTIL...

LOOK, **BATMAN**, LIGHTFOOT DROVE THE STOLEN WAGON ACROSS THIS SHALLOW STREAM BUT THE TRACKS STOP HERE AS THOUGH HE VANISHED!

THAT THIEF IS IN LEAGUE WITH THE DEVIL, BUT HE MUST BE SOMEWHERE AHEAD! WE'RE GOING ON!

WE'LL LOOK AROUND HERE!

THE WHEEL-MARKS ARE **TWICE** AS DEEP ON THIS SIDE... WHICH MEANS THAT LIGHTFOOT CROSSED THE FORD, THEN **BACKED** THE WAGON BACK INTO THE WATER AND DROVE AWAY ALONG THE SHALLOW STREAM!

CLEVER! BUT WE'LL RIDE UP AND DOWN-STREAM AND FIND WHERE HE CAME OUT!

TWO FAMOUS CRIME-CRUSHERS, TURNED SCOUTS, SOON FIND THE TRAIL AGAIN...

HE DROVE THE WAGON OUT HERE, AND WENT THAT WAY!

LOOK--- I SAW A LIGHT IN THAT CAVE FOR A MOMENT! THAT MUST BE CAPTAIN LIGHTFOOT'S HIDEOUT!

THERE HE IS--- UNLOADING HIS LOOT!

THOSE VINES HANGING IN FRONT OF THE CAVE OUGHT TO HELP US SURPR SE HIM-- COME ON, ROBIN!

THE SKILLED ACROBATICS OF THE 20th CENTURY ARE EQUALLY EFFECTIVE IN THE 18th!

WE'RE LAWMEN, CAPTA N LIGHTFOOT--- AND WE'RE TAKING YOJ BACK TO JUSTICE!

AND WE'RE FINDING OUT WHERE YOU'VE BURIED YOUR GOLD TREASURE, TOO!

WHO ··· WHAT MANNER OF MEN ARE YOJ?

BUT I HAVE NO GOLD TREASURE··· I NEVER STOLE ANY MONEY OR VALUABLES FROM ANY- ONE!

YOU'VE STOLEN FIVE WAGONLOADS OF GOODS FROM HUGO VORNEY, AND THIS ONE HERE IS THE LOOT YOU TOOK FROM HIS DRIVER TONIGHT!

I TOOK FROM VORNEY ONLY FIVE WAGONLOADS OF ***GUNS***... GUNS HE MEANT TO TRADE TO THE IND ANS FOR R.CH FURS! VORNEY HAS BEEN SECRETLY NC TING THE INDIANS, WHO ARE ORD NARILY FR ENDLY, TO HOSTILITY··· SO HE COULD TRADE THEM GUNS!

I, ABEL ADAMS, FOUND THAT OJT···BUT WHEN I ACCUSED VORNEY, HE HAD ME EXILED FROM GOTHAM CITY ON A TRUMPED-UP CHARGE! TO PREVENT HIS STARTING AN INDIAN WAR, I TOOK THIS SECRET IDENTITY OF CAPTAIN LIGHTFOOT AND INTERCEPTED HIS SHIPMENTS OF GUNS!

IF THAT'S TRUE, YOU'RE SORT OF A ***BATMAN*** OF 1753! BUT HOW DO WE KNOW IT'S TRUE?

COME WITH ME··· I HAVE FRIENDS IN THE INDIAN TRIBE WHO'LL CONFIRM WHAT I SAY, THAT VORNEY HAS BEEN INCITING THEM TO HOSTILITY!

WE'LL COME! BUT DON'T TRY TO ESCAPE!

AFTER A RIDE THROUGH MOONLIT FOREST, THREE STRANGE FIGURES LEAVE THEIR HORSES AND APPROACH THE INDIAN VILLAGE..

THE PEOPLE OF GOTHAM PLAN TO ATTACK YOU--- I'LL GET MORE GUNS TO TRADE TO YOU, SO YOU CAN PROTECT YOURSELVES!

YOU HEAR THAT? YORNEY WOULD START WAR JUST TO PROFIT BY TRADING!

SSH, NOT SO LOUD...

THE WARNING IS TOO LATE, FOR KEEN INDIAN EARS HAVE ALREADY HEARD!

PALEFACES--- SPYING ON US!

KILL THEM, THEY MEAN YOU HARM!

THEY'LL CATCH US UNLESS WE SCARE THEM BACK---QUICK, **ROBIN**, NOOSE YOUR ROPE OVER THAT SAPLING AND HELP ME PULL IT DOWN!

AN IMPROVISED CATAPULT IS SPRUNG... AND THE AWESOME FIGURE OF THE **BOY WONDER** HURTLES THROUGH THE SKY ABOVE THE HEADS OF AWE-STRICKEN INDIANS...

WHOOOOOO!

WON'T DO ANY HARM TO ADD A FEW SOUND-EFFECTS!

IT'S A GIANT DEVIL-BIRD--- BACK TO THE VILLAGE BEFORE IT SEIZES US!

AS RED MEN MADE SUSPICIOUS BY AN EVIL PLOTTER'S INCITEMENTS COME CLOSER...

I'LL LET GO NOW... BE CAREFUL TO EASE YOUR SHOCK BY GRABBING ANOTHER TREE-TOP, **ROBIN!**

THIS IS AN EASY ONE COMPARED TO MY OLD CIRCUS DAYS!

AAAHHH

WHAT MARVELOUS ACROBATICS--- INDEED HE SEEMED TO FLY LIKE A BIRD!

IT'S TEMPORARILY SCARED THE INDIANS BACK... WE'LL GET OUT OF HERE NOW!

LIGHTFOOT'S STORY **IS** TRUE, **BATMAN!** BUT IF HE ISN'T A REAL HIGHWAYMAN, WHAT ABOUT ALL THE LEGENDS OF HIS BURIED TREASURE? HOW CAN WE FIND THE PROOF WE CAME BACK TO THE PAST TO FIND?

IT HAS ME PUZZLED! BUT ONE THING SURE, WE'VE GOT TO HELP HIM STOP YORNEY FROM STARTING AN INDIAN WAR!

AND NEXT DAY...

VORNEY SAID HE WOULD BRING MORE GUNS TO TRADE TO THE INDIANS--- I'LL SCOUT OUTS DE GOTHAM CITY AND WATCH FOR HIM!

I'M STAYING HERE TO F K UP SOME-THING THAT MAY HELP US AGAINST THOSE GUN-SMUGGLERS! WE'LL JOIN YOU SOON!

HOURS LATER, AS HUGO VORNEY'S TEAM-STERS DRIVE ANOTHER BIG WAGON OUT OF GOTHAM CITY INTO THE FOREST...

LOOK, ARE THEY MEN OR DEMONS? THEIR HORSES HAVE BAT WINGS--- AND THEY'RE COMING TOWARD US!

I'M GETTING OUT OF HERE ---THEY CAN HAVE THE WAGON!

BUT PANICKY RUNNERS CAN'T ESCAPE THE WEIRD TRIO WHO THUNDER DOWN THE FOREST TRAIL AFTER THEM!

THE ARTIFICIAL BAT-WINGS I PUT ON OUR HORSES ARE HAVING THEIR EFFECT!

TRULY, AN INGENIOUS IDEA... IT'S AFFRIGHTED THEM! I'LL TAKE THE ONE ON THE RIGHT, BATMAN!

THE DEMONS HAVE US!

THEN IT'S A BLIND TO DIVERT US---VORNEY IS SMARTER THAN I THOUGHT!

BATMAN, THIS WAGON IS EMPTY!

HOW IS VORNEY TAKING THE GUNS TO THE INDIANS? WHAT TRAIL DID HE TAKE?

I'LL TELL... I CAN'T FIGHT DEMONS! VORNEY HAS TAKEN THE GUNS AND POWDER IN HIS SMALL SHIP, UP TO NORTH BAY--- HE'LL UNLOAD THEM THERE AND TRADE TO THE REDSKINS FOR FURS!

THEY'LL KEEP TILL WE GET BACK! WE'VE GOT TO GET TO NORTH BAY BEFORE THOSE GUNS AND POWDER ARE TURNED OVER TO THE TRIBE!

I KNOW THE SHORTEST WAY THROUGH THE FOREST!

SOON, FROM THE WOODED SHORES OF NORTH BAY, THREE ALLIES OF DIFFERENT TIMES SEE A SINISTER SHIP APPROACHING!

THERE COMES VORNEY'S SHIP--- BUT HOW CAN WE STOP THEM FROM TRADING THE POWDER AND GUNS TO THE INDIANS?

WE'VE GOT TO GET ON THAT SHIP AND TAKE THEM BY SURPRISE--- AND THESE HOLLOW CANES WILL HELP!

WE CAN BREATHE THROUGH THE CANES, AND THE BRANCH TIED TO EACH WILL KEEP THEM FROM BEING SEEN! IT'LL JUST LOOK LIKE FLOATING DRIFT-BRANCHES!

I GET IT---AS 8TH CENTURY FROG-MEN, WE CAN GET ONTO THAT SHIP!

SWIMMING STRONGLY, THREE UNSEEN FIGURES FORGE TOWARD THE SHIP OF MENACE AS IT DROPS ANCHOR!

WE CAN GET UP THAT ANCHOR CABLE AND TAKE THEM BY SURPRISE!

SURPRISE IS AN UNDERSTATEMENT FOR THE HORROR OF MEN WHO FACE THREE WEIRD, DRIPPING FIGURES FROM THE SEA!

THEY'RE MER-MEN... THEY CAME UP OUT OF THE SEA!

IT'S THAT DEVIL LIGHT-FOOT--- AND THOSE TWO STRANGERS, HELPING HIM! DON'T LET THEM PANIC YOU---

JUST TO BE DIFFERENT, I'LL HOIST THE SAILOR INSTEAD OF THE SAIL!

NOT SO MUCH PUN, AND MORE PUNCH!

I'LL STOP THIS---

SURRENDER, YOU THREE, OR I'LL DASH MY TORCH INTO THIS GUNPOWDER! I'LL BLOW US ALL UP BEFORE I GO TO PRISON!

HE MAY BE BLUFFING, BUT I CAN'T TAKE THE CHANCE WITH THE OTHERS' LIVES AT STAKE!

ALL RIGHT, VORNEY, YOU'VE GOT US--- WE CAN'T RISK IT, BOYS!

THE INDIANS ARE WAITING--- I'LL TAKE THE FIRST BOATLOAD OF GUNS TO THEM AND BRING BACK THEIR FURS! WATCH THESE THREE AND WE'LL DROP THEM OVERBOARD WHEN WE GET OUT TO DEEP WATER!

THIS GUNPOWDER--- I THOUGHT VORNEY WAS BLUFFING!

VORNEY'S SHIP-TELESCOPE WAS KNOCKED TO THE DECK IN THE FRACAS, AND MAYBE I CAN USE IT! THAT STRAW THAT WAS PACKED AROUND THE GUNS...

POWDER

... WILL SOON TAKE FIRE WHEN THE TELESCOPE FOCUSES HOT SUNLIGHT ON IT! AND IT DID!

FIRE'S BROKEN OUT! JUMP OVERBOARD, QUICK, BEFORE THE POWDER BLOWS UP!

AS TERRIFIED SAILORS LEAP OVERBOARD TO SWIM ASHORE...

THAT SPILLED POWDER MAY BLOW UP ANY MOMENT! WE'D BETTER JUMP, TOO!

NO, FOR I TASTED THAT POWDER AND IT'S ONLY BLACK ***SAND*** THAT VORNEY PLANNED TO CHEAT THE INDIANS WITH! BUT IT SCARED THE OTHERS OVERBOARD, AND WE CAN PUT OUT THIS LITTLE FIRE AND THEN FREE EACH OTHER!

SOON, FROM SHORE, COMES A FORMIDABLE FLEET!

THE FIRE WAS A FALSE ALARM--- ABOARD, QUICK, BEFORE THOSE THREE ESCAPE!

I WAS WAITING FOR YOU! LOOK, CHIEF, THIS IS THE "*POWDER*" VORNEY WAS TRADING YOU THIS TIME! HE WAS TRICKING YOU-- AS HE TRICKED YOU BY FALSELY TELLING YOU THE PALEFACES PLANNED TO ATTACK YOU!

IT IS PROOF THAT VORNEY HAS A FALSE TONGUE! WE MAKE PEACE WITH THE PALEFACES!

WE CAN SAIL TO GOTHAM CITY AND SIGN A TREATY!

AND SOON, AT GOTHAM CITY, WITH A TREATY SIGNED AND VORNEY IN JAIL...

AS COLONIAL GOVERNOR, I'M GIVING YOU THIS CERTIFICATE, CAPTAIN LIGHTFOOT! IT'S OFFICIAL PROOF THAT YOU WERE NO HIGHWAYMAN, BUT HELPED SAVE OUR COLONY!

IF I'M NEEDED AGAIN, CAPTAIN LIGHTFOOT WILL RIDE AGAIN--- UNTIL THEN, I'LL KEEP MY IDENTITY SECRET!

I'LL BURY THIS DOCUMENT IN MY SECRET HIDEOUT... FOR IT'S NOW MY GREATEST TREASURE!

BATMAN, HEAR THAT... THAT **DOCUMENT** WAS CAPTAIN LIGHTFOOT'S LEGENDARY TREASURE!

BACK INTO THIS CARGO-SHED, **ROBIN**... WE'VE GOT TO CHANGE IDENTITY FAST FOR WE'RE BEING DRAWN BACK TO 1953?

AGAIN, GREAT FORCES SEEM TO WHIRL BRUCE AND DICK AS THEY ARE DRAWN BACK ALONG THE TIME-TRACK! THEN..

DID YOU REALLY GET BACK TO GOTHAM CITY IN 1753?

WE DID--- AND WE LEARNED THE WHEREABOUTS OF A CERTAIN DOCUMENT THAT'S GOING TO INTEREST SOME PEOPLE A LOT!

IT DOES NOT TAKE LONG TO FIND THE HIDDEN, FORGOTTEN CAVE OF CAPTAIN LIGHTFOOT..

CAPTAIN LIGHTFOOT'S TREASURE, THE PROOF THAT HE WAS NO HIGHWAYMAN! HE BURIED IT HERE--- SO IT WOULDN'T BE FOUND IN HIS EFFECTS AS ABEL ADAMS, AND GIVE HIM AWAY!

IT'S GOING TO BE AN UNPLEASANT SURPRISE FOR WALTER FRALEY AND HIS PAL!

AND IT IS, LATER, IN COMMISSIONER GORDON'S OFFICE!

THIS AUTHENTICATED CERTIFICATE PROVES CAPTAIN LIGHTFOOT NEVER BURIED ANY GOLD, SINCE HE NEVER WAS A HIGHWAYMAN! NOW, EXPLAIN WHERE YOU TWO GOT THAT GOLD YOU "FOUND"!

THEY GOT US, FRALEY! AND YOU SAID YOUR "TREASURE" GAG WAS FOOLPROOF, WHEN YOU TALKED ME INTO THIS! I'M GOING TO CONFESS AND GET A LIGHTER SENTENCE!

YOU FOOL, NOW YOU'VE CINCHED IT FOR THEM!

*BEFORE **BATMAN** LEAVES, HE MAKES AN ODD REQUEST...*

WHY, OF COURSE, **BATMAN**, YOU CAN HAVE THIS DOCUMENT OF CAPTAIN LIGHTFOOT'S AFTER IT'S USED FOR EVIDENCE--- BUT WHY DO YOU WANT IT?

I WANT IT FOR OUR TROPHY ROOM--- A MEMENTO OF A BRAVE MAN WHO WAS THE **BATMAN** OF 200 YEARS AGO!

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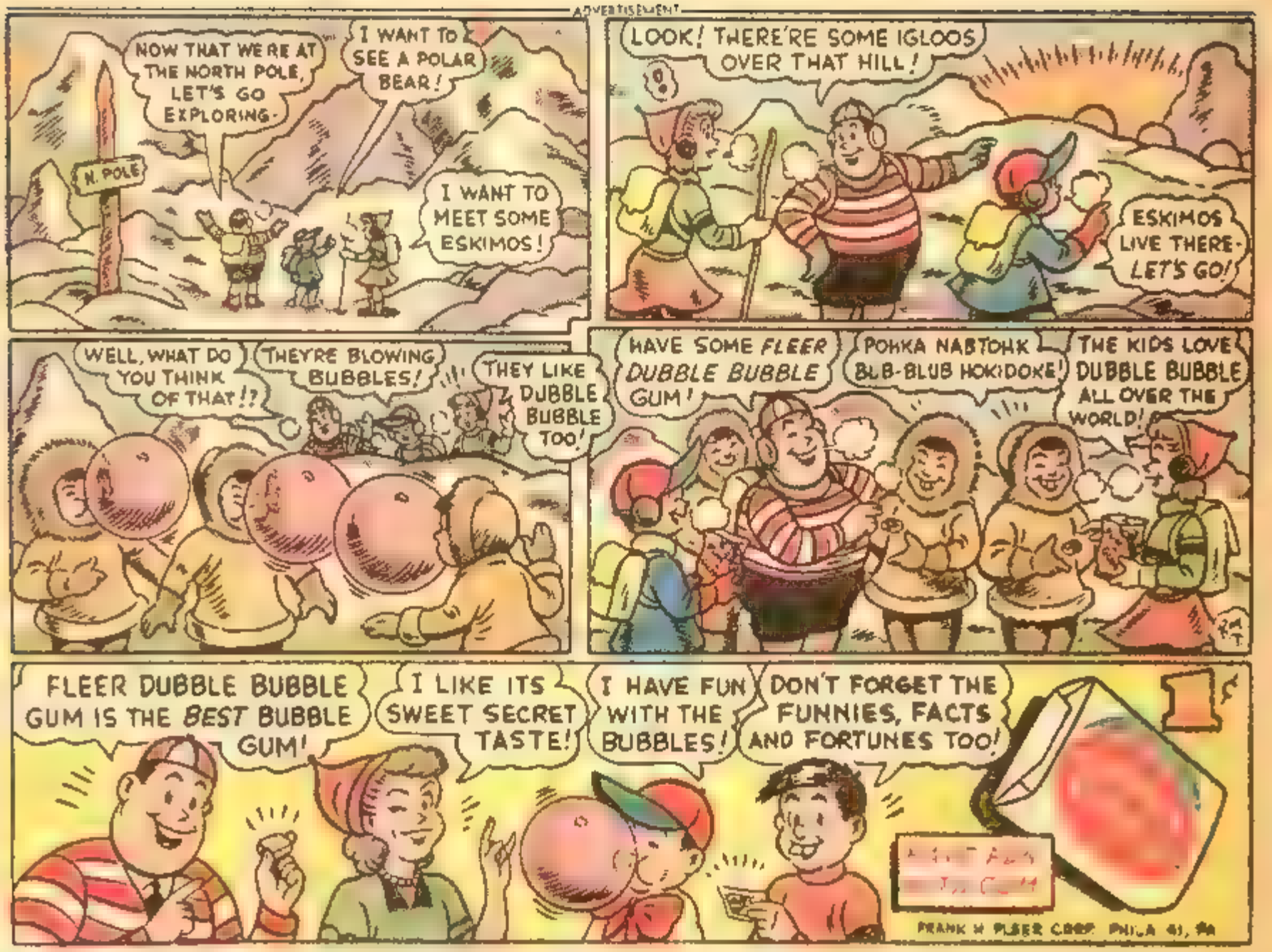
NOW THAT WE'RE AT THE NORTH POLE, LET'S GO EXPLORING-
I WANT TO SEE A POLAR BEAR!
N. POLE
I WANT TO MEET SOME ESKIMOS!
LOOK! THERE'RE SOME IGLOOS OVER THAT HILL!
ESKIMOS LIVE THERE- LET'S GO!
WELL, WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THAT!?
THEY'RE BLOWING BUBBLES!
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I LIKE ITS SWEET SECRET TASTE!
I HAVE FUN WITH THE BUBBLES!
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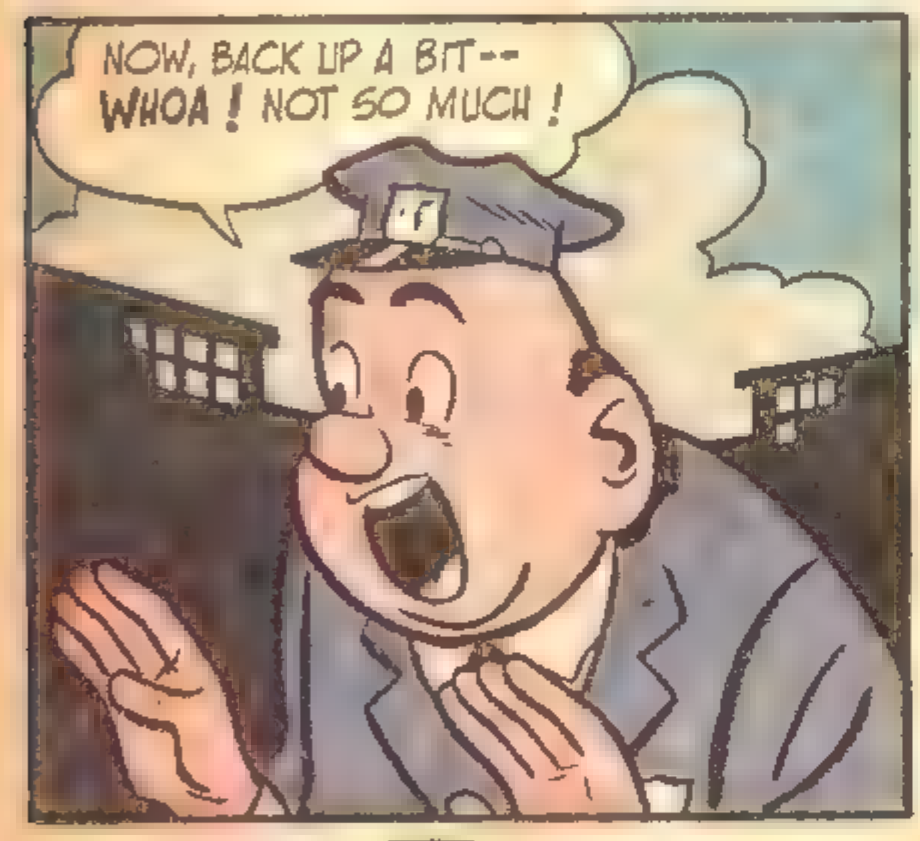

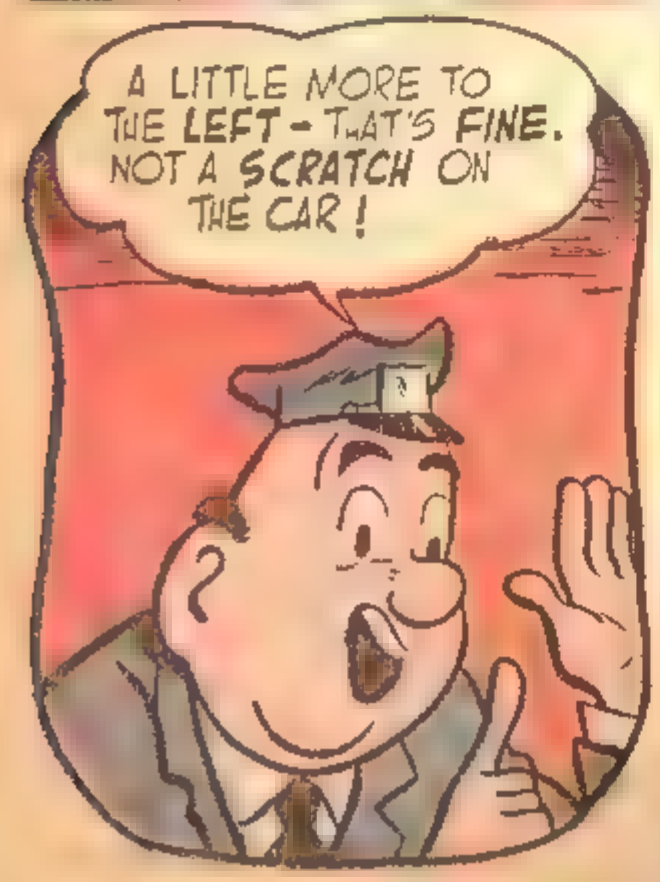

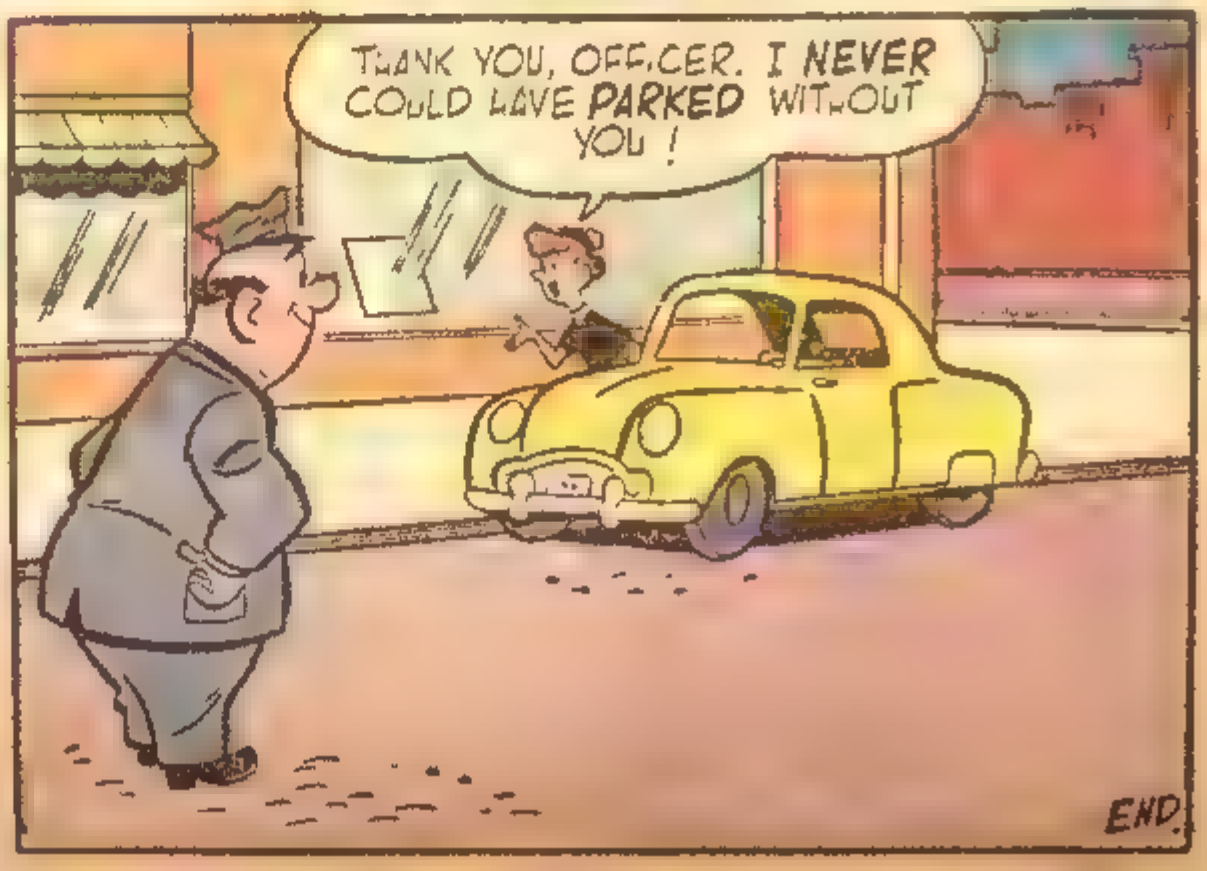

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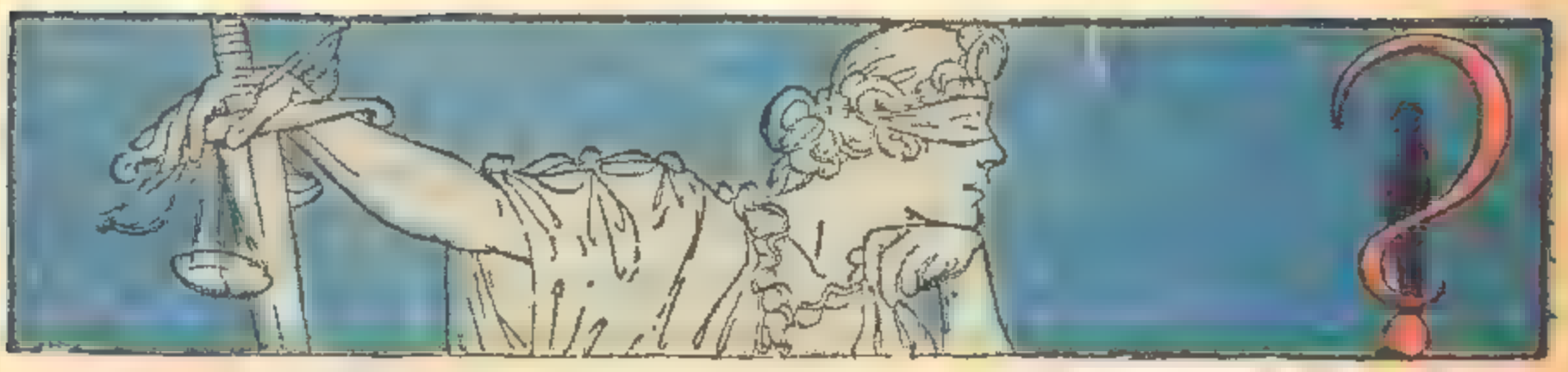

Its Vital Function Is Guarding Our Liberties as Expressed in the Constitution

YOU don't read much about the proceedings of a grand jury in session. There are two reasons why its proceedings are kept secret. Firstly, if the charges against a man are dismissed, the case is unreported, and the man's reputation does not suffer. Secondly, if the grand jury returns an indictment against someone not in custody, it reduces the chances of his escaping before he can be arrested.

The "grand" in the grand jury, by the way, does not refer to the importance of this institution, although it does happen to be a vitally important part of our legal system. The name is derived from the old Norman French terminology, signifying its size. The other is the "petit" or little jury.

The number of jurors serving varies according to the different states. In New York State, for example, there are 23 persons on the grand jury, and at least 16 members must be present before any action can legally be taken.

At various times, the grand jury system has been attacked as a needless expense and duplication, but you will soon see that these criticisms are groundless.

Let's consider the case of a man suspected of murder. He appears before the grand jury after the prosecution has presented the entire case against him. He cannot be forced to appear before this body, and can only do so after first signing an agreement that his testimony can be used against him.

If the defendant is innocent, or wishes to make it appear that he is, he willingly signs this paper, called a waiver of immunity. The jurors, who have heard the case against this man, now question him carefully on the various points.

The entire procedure usually takes about an hour. If the evidence presented convinces the Grand Jury of the defendant's guilt, then a formal charge, known as an indictment, is filed with the court, and the man is held for trial.

But if the Grand Jury is convinced of the man's innocence, then the charge is dismissed, and the defendant is re-

leased as quickly as the proper papers can be signed.

In a court of law, this trial might have run into weeks, and in many cases, months, at a cost of many thousands of dollars. And in the instance of the defendant's innocence, almost every penny of the thousands of dollars would be saved.

Of course, a great deal more than money has been saved in terms of the anxiety spared the defendant, and the loss of reputation which he would suffer in a public trial.

Since the proceedings of a grand jury are always secret, visitors are never permitted in the grand jury room. If you could be present at the first session of a new grand jury, this is what you would see.

The first action to be taken is the selection of a foreman from among the jurors, an assistant foreman to assist the foreman and act in his place whenever necessary, and a secretary to keep the records.

The jury is seated formally facing the table where the witnesses will be seated. These witnesses, here to give their testimony in the various scheduled cases, wait in an adjoining room with the prosecutor or district attorney.

The district attorney calls his witnesses before the grand jury. In much the same manner as he hopes later to present the case in criminal court if he wins an indictment here, the district attorney calls to the witness table one witness after another, even presenting into evidence such articles as the murder weapons, etc., to be marked as Exhibits.

Throughout the questioning, the jurors make notes, confer among themselves, and, if they choose, take over the questioning of the witness when the district attorney is finished. The jurors, it must be remembered, are not here as an adjunct of the police, or the district attorney's office.

If the jury can be said to represent anyone, then it represents the defendant. The jurors, more than anything, want to learn the truth. The big question mark throughout the entire proceedings is: Is there sufficient evidence against this man to warrant placing him on trial for his life? You can be sure that the D.A. will have to present an air-tight case before an indictment will be returned.

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—*Jack E. Miller*

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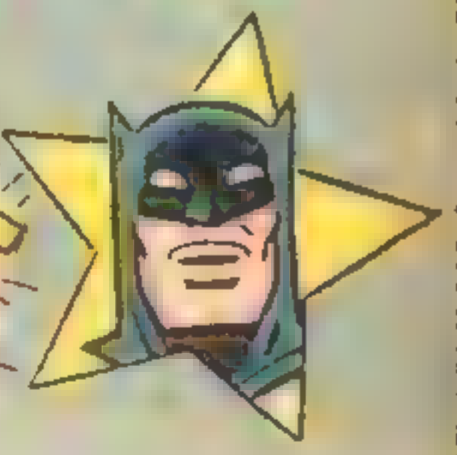

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BATMAN With ROBIN THE BOY WONDER

HEY, LEFTY! I HEAR MUGGER MATSON NEEDS A NEW TRIGGER-MAN FOR HIS MOB! WHY DON'T YOU PUT HIM FOR THE JOB?

ARE YOU CRAZY? I'M WORKIN' FOR BATMAN! HE'S RUNNIN' THE HOTTEST MOB IN TOWN!

4 KILLER IS AT LARGE! WHO PROTECTS HIM? BATMAN! AN ARSONIST STARTS A BLAZE! WHO ORDERED IT? BATMAN! A GANG OF SEVEN CRIMINALS WORKS SMOOTHLY THROUGH THE NIGHT! WHO'S THE BOSS? BATMAN!

HERE'S ONE OF THE STRANGEST AND MOST EXCITING ADVENTURES IN THE LONG HISTORY OF BATMAN AND ROBIN THE BOY WONDER... THE SURPRISE-LOADED STORY CALLED...

BATMAN... GANG BOSS!

BOB KANE

ONE NIGHT IN GOTHAM CITY, AS MILLIONAIRE BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS WARD, DICK GRAYSON, MINGLE WITH THE THRONGS AT A BASEBALL GAME...

HE'S GOING TO MAKE IT! ATTABOY, JOHNSON! SOME GAME, EH, BRUCE?

YES... BUT I'M AFRAID WE CAN'T STAY FOR THE FINISH! THERE'S THE **BATSIGNAL**, DICK!

SWIFTLY, BRUCE AND DICK LEAVE THE STADIUM. A MOMENT LATER, IN A NEARBY ALLEY, THEY COMPLETE THE SPEEDY TRANSFORMATION TO **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN THE BOY WONDER!**

I WONDER WHAT COMMISSIONER GORDON HAS PLANNED FOR US NOW?

WE'LL KNOW IN A FEW MINUTES!

SOON AFTER, AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS...

ISN'T THAT THE SITE OF THE HARKNESS PENITENTIARY... THE OLD PRISON THAT HAS BEEN CONDEMNED AND IS BEING TORN DOWN? I UNDERSTAND THE CONVICTS ARE BEING TRANSFERRED TO OTHER PRISONS.

PRECISELY! AND THAT'S WHY YOU'RE HERE. I WANT YOU TO SAFEGUARD THE TRANSFER OF SEVEN OF THE MOST NOTORIOUS CRIMINALS NOW IN CUSTODY. IT MAY PROVE TO BE A VERY DIFFICULT JOB!

THESE MEN ARE TICKETED FOR CONEIDA PRISON. AND THEY'VE ALREADY BOASTED OF AN ESCAPE-PLAN TO BE USED WHILE EN ROUTE! I WANT YOU TO HANDLE THIS PERSONALLY, **BATMAN!**

RIGHT, COMMISSIONER! **ROBIN** AND I WILL BE HAPPY TO CONDUCT THESE GENTLEMEN TO THEIR NEW HOME... BEHIND BARS!

FINCH EVERS BANK ROBBER

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HARRY GREEN CAT BURGLAR

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SCAR DUDLEY GUNMAN

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TWO DAYS LATER, AT AN ISOLATED AIRFIELD ALONG THE GULF OF MEXICO...

TOO BAD WE COULDN'T USE THE **BATPLANE!** BUT COMMISSIONER GORDON DIDN'T WANT TO ATTRACT ANY ATTENTION OR PUBLICITY TO THIS TRANSFER...

YES, **ROBIN**... AN ORDINARY PLANE AT AN OUT-OF-THE-WAY AIRPORT. IT'S PART OF THE SECRECY OF THE PLAN. WELL, OUR PASSENGERS ARE HERE! LET'S GET READY!

HARKNESS PENITENTIARY

THEY'RE ALL YOURS, **BATMAN!**

ALL RIGHT, INTO THE PLANE ALL OF YOU GO!

DON'T BE TOO HAPPY, **BATMAN!** YOU AIN'T GOT US TO CONEIDA YET!

SOME TIME LATER, AS THE PLANE ROARS NORTH ALONG THE ATLANTIC SEA-BOARD...

A BAD WEATHER REPORT IS COMING IN, **ROBIN!** A FREAK HURRICANE HAS SUDDENLY SPRUNG UP! I'M GOING TO HEAD OUT TO SEA--- IT'S THE ONLY WAY TO AVOID IT!

BUT EVEN **BATMAN'S** RESOURCEFUL PILOTING IS NO MATCH FOR NATURE'S SAVAGE FURY! IN ALL ITS VIOLENCE, THE HURRICANE STRIKES!

TROUBLE **ROBIN!** THIS PLANE IS NO MATCH FOR THIS STORM! **WE'RE BEING FORCED DOWN!**

ALL AT ONCE, AS THE GALE-TOSSED PLANE SLIPS THROUGH A BANK OF LOW-HANGING CLOUDS...

BATMAN, LOOK! AN ISLAND--- DEAD AHEAD! WE CAN LAND **THERE!**

CRASH-LAND, YOU MEAN! THESE CONTROLS ARE PRACTICALLY USELESS NOW! BUT WE'RE LUCKY AT THAT! IT'S MUCH BETTER THAN SETTING DOWN AT SEA!

A MOMENT LATER...

HERE WE COME, **ROBIN!** HANG ON, EVERYONE! WE'VE GOT TO HOPE THIS FOLIAGE BREAKS OUR FALL!

WITH A ROAR, THE BIG PLANE PLOWS THROUGH DENSE JUNGLE TILL AT LAST IT SAFELY STOPS, A TRIBUTE TO **BATMAN'S** NERVE AND SKILL!

GOOD GOING, **BATMAN!** A COUPLE OF THEM WERE BADLY SHAKEN-UP, TWO WERE KNOCKED UNCONSCIOUS, BUT ALL HANDS ARE SAFE!

WELL, LET'S GET THEM OUT AND GIVE THEM WHAT MEDICATION THEY NEED! THEN WE'VE GOT TO FIGURE A WAY OF GETTING BACK TO CIVILIZATION!

SOON AFTER...

THE RADIO'S SMASHED, **BATMAN, BEYOND REPAIR!** AND FROM WHAT I CAN SEE ON THE MAPS, THIS IS A **DESERTED ISLAND!**

HMM---THAT MEANS WE MAY BE HERE FOR A SPELL. WE'VE GOT TO MAKE SOME KIND OF CAMP, **ROBIN...** LUCKILY THE PLANE IS WELL-STOCKED WITH EMERGENCY PROVISIONS!

LATER...

I TELL YA, THIS IS OUR BREAK! WE JUST WAIT OUR CHANCE... AND JUMP BATMAN!

AND THEN WHERE ARE YOU? ON AN ISLAND IN THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE! NO! WE LEAVE BATMAN ALONE. LET HIM FIGURE A WAY OF GETTIN' US OUTTA HERE! THEN WE CAN PLAN ON KNOCKIN' HIM OFF!

FINCH EVERS' PLAN IS ACCEPTED BY HIS CRONIES. SOON AFTER, AS THEY FOLLOW BATMAN AND ROBIN ON THE HUNT FOR A CAMP SITE...

LOOK, ROBIN! THE RUINS OF AN ANCIENT INDIAN CIVILIZATION! WE SHOULD FIND THE SHELTER WE NEED HERE!

YES! AND THEN WE CAN START ERECTING WHAT WE NEED IN THE WAY OF SIGNALS TO ATTRACT PLANES PASSING OVER, OR SHIPS AT SEA!

BUT, MEANWHILE, ON ANOTHER PART OF THE ISLAND, A STRANGE AND FEARSOME INDIVIDUAL HAS OTHER PLANS FOR BATMAN AND ROBIN! MEET LARS VEKING, NOTORIOUS MODERN-DAY PIRATE!

VEKING! THAT PLANE THAT CRASH-LANDED! BATMAN AND ROBIN WERE ABOARD IT!

BATMAN AND ROBIN! SO THEY'VE COME AFTER ME AGAIN, EH? WELL... THIS TME THEY'VE BLUNDERED! ON THIS ISLAND I'M KING! ROUND UP MY MEN, RILEY!

I'LL NOT HAVE ANYONE INTERFERING WITH MY PLANS! PREYING ON SHIPS WITH MY SUBMARINE IS THE SWEETEST RACKET A MAN EVER HAD... AND I AIM TO KEEP IT!

WHILE HIS MEN HASTILY ARM AND AWAIT FURTHER ORDERS, LARS VEKING SLIPS OFF TO A SECRET POOL HIDDEN IN THE JUNGLE NEARBY...

IN CASE ANYONE STUMBLES ON THIS POOL, I'LL SUBMERGE MY SUB WITH THESE RADIO-CONTROLS. EVEN MY OWN MEN DON'T KNOW I KEEP MY SUB HERE BETWEEN JOBS!

ONLY I KNOW OF THE UNDERGROUND CANAL THAT CONNECTS THIS POOL WITH THE SEA! THAT'S MY ACE IN THE HOLE!

SHORTLY AFTERWARDS, VEKING LEADS HIS MEN ACROSS THE ISLAND ON AN ATTACK AGAINST **BATMAN!**

THEY'RE **FIRING** ON US! **BATMAN!** IT'S **LARS VEKING,** THE PIRATE! I THOUGHT HE DIED!

WE WERE MISTAKEN--- IT'S VEKING, ALL RIGHT! AND THOSE ARE **REAL** BULLETS! QUICKLY, EVERYONE! INTO THE PYRAMID!

HEY, THIS IS BAD! BEING ON **BATMAN'S** SIDE MEANS TROUBLE!

JAM!

BOOM!

GET THIS, **BATMAN!** I'M GOING TO KILL **ALL** OF YOU! YOUR HANDCUFFED FRIENDS LOOK LIKE CRIMINALS, BUT THAT MAKES NO DIFFERENCE! I DON'T WANT **ANYONE** HORNING IN ON MY RACKET! YOU **ALL** DIE!

WE'RE OUTNUMBERED, AND THEY HAVE GUNS! A STRATEGIC RETREAT IS CALLED FOR! I NOTICED A STAIRWAY WHEN WE RAN IN HERE, **ROBIN!** MY GUESS IS IT LEADS TO **CATACOMBS!** WE MAY BE ABLE TO LOSE THEM THERE!

AND LATER, IN ONE OF MANY WEIRD CORRIDORS OF THE CATACOMBS...

WE'VE LOST THEM FOR NOW!

YOU MAY HAVE TO DEFEND YOURSELVES, SO I'M REMOVING YOUR HANDCUFFS. BUT I ADVISE YOU NOT TO TRY TO ESCAPE. I MAY BE ABLE TO SAVE US ALL!

AND AS **BATMAN** MOVES OFF...

WHAT I SAID BEFORE STILL GOES! WE **NEED BATMAN** NOW--- HE'S A SMART OPERATOR, HE KIN HELP US! WE KIN KILL HIM, WHEN HE GETS US OUTTA HERE! WHADDYA SAY, SCAR? YOU'RE THE ONLY DISSENTER!

NO! THAT VEKING IS A CROOK--- HE WON'T KILL **ANOTHER** CROOK WHO'S JUST AS ANXIOUS TO KNOCK OFF **BATMAN** AS HE IS! I AIN'T LIKING UP WITH **BATMAN---** I'M JOINING VEKING!

SUDDENLY, SCAR DUDLEY DASHES DOWN THE CORRIDOR, AND DISAPPEARS INTO THE CATACOMBS!

NO USE! HE'S GONE!

I OVERHEARD HIM SAY HE WAS GOING TO JOIN VEKING! I'M AFRAID HE'S IN FOR A SURPRISE! COME ON, **ROBIN---** WE'D BETTER GO TO THE OTHERS!

NEXT MORNING...

I WASN'T KIDDING, BATMAN! HERE'S YOUR FRIEND-- DEAD!

THE **MURDERER!**

I **TOLD** HIM! GUESS THERE'S NO QUESTION NOW WHAT'S BEST FOR US, EH, MEN?

ABRUPTLY...

BACK! T'S ANOTHER ATTACK! BUT TH.S T ME I'M READY FOR THEM... WITH THE STRANGEST GROUP I EVER FOUGHT WITH! QUICKLY, BACK INSIDE!

YOU'RE AN ARSONIST JENSEN --- A SPECIALIST AT MAKING FIRES! BUILD ME ONE NOW WITH PLENTY OF SMOKE--- YOU CAN CHOOSE YOUR CHEMICALS FROM MY UTILITY BELT SUPPLY!

I GET YOU, BATMAN! THE AIR CURRENTS DOWN HERE WILL CARRY THE SMOKE OUT TOWARD VEK.NG AND HIS MEN --- THAT OUGHTA HOLD 'EM FOR A WH.LE!

SOON AFTER...

GOOD WORK, JENSEN! I PROBABLY WOULD HAVE COME UP WITH THE SAME FORMULA, ONLY IT WOULD HAVE TAKEN ME LONGER. NOW LET'S JOIN THE OTHERS!

LATER, AS A NEW ATTACK FORMS, FROM ANOTHER DIRECTION...

THEY'VE FOUND US! THEY'RE COM NG DOWN THE PASSAGEWAY!

HMM... THAT ROCK, IF MOVED, COULD EFFECTIVELY SEAL OFF TH S OPENING. WE COULDN'T POSS BLY MOVE IT BY PUSHING, BUT THERE'S ANOTHER WAY! HAGGER! COME HERE!

YOU'RE A SAFECRACKER, HAGGER --- WITH A LONG RECORD OF HANDLING EXPLOSIVES! HERE ARE CONCENTRATED EXPLOSIVES. I WANT YOU TO FIX A CHARGE THAT W.LL MOVE THAT ROCK INTO THE PASSAGEWAY, AND BLOCK IT!

IT'S TRICKY! JUST THE RIGHT AMOUNT OF NITRO IN THE RIGHT PLACE, OR THAT ROCK MIGHT CRACK! BUT I'M THE GUY WHO CAN HANDLE IT, BATMAN---

WORKING HASTILY, HE SETS HIS CHARGE! THEN, AS IT GOES OFF...

THERE! TOLD YOU I COULD HANDLE T, BATMAN!

YES! AND NOW THAT WE'VE BOTTLED THEM UP FOR A T ME, LET'S MOVE OFF AND PLAN OUR NEXT STRATEGY!

CRASH

LATE THAT NIGHT...

THE ODDS ARE AGAINST US BECAUSE VEKING AND HIS MEN ARE HEAVILY ARMED! WE'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THAT!

RIGHT! AND THAT'S WHY I'VE BROUGHT HARRY GREEN --- THE CAT-BURGLAR WHO CAN MOVE IN AND OUT OF PLACES WITHOUT EVER BEING HEARD! TONIGHT HIS LIGHT FEET ARE GOING TO LOCATE VEKING'S ARSENAL FOR US WHILE YOU AND I COVER HIM!

SOON AFTER...

HMM! I COULD BLOW IT UP, BUT SOMEONE MIGHT BE KILLED IN THE EXPLOSION! WAIT--- I'VE A BETTER IDEA! LET'S GO BACK!

THERE IT IS, BATMAN--- THAT SHACK AT THE END! IT'S A REGULAR AMMUNITION DUMP! HA-HA... THEY NEVER EVEN HEARD ME--- I SLIPPED PAST THEIR GUARDS!

EVERS, YOU'RE A BANK ROBBER--- LUTHER, A HIJACKER! CLEANING OUT THAT ARSENAL SHOULD BE RIGHT UP YOUR ALLEY! JENSEN--- YOU'LL START A FIRE ON THE OTHER SIDE OF VEKING'S CAMP AS A DIVERSION! ROBIN AND I WILL COVER THE WHOLE OPERATION!

SHORTLY, AFTERWARD...

VEKING--- THEY'VE SET FIRE TO OUR SUPPLY SHACK! LOOK!

WHAT---? I'LL HANDLE THIS PERSONALITY!

MEANWHILE...

THIS IS A SNAP! I HAVEN'T HAD AS EASY A JOB SINCE THE NIGHT I KNOCKED OVER A GAS STATION ON OLD ROUTE 20 OUT OF L.A.!

IT'S JUST AS WELL WE GET THESE GUNS AND AMMO AWAY! I WANT TO STAY ALIVE--- SO AS I CAN BE IN ON THE KILL OF BATMAN WHEN THE RIGHT TIME COMES!

AND LATER...

WHATTA WASTE! SUCH NICE GUNS! OH, WELL!

DON'T WORRY, ROBIN I SEARCHED OUR FRIENDS HERE THOROUGHLY--- THEY'VE KEPT NONE OF THESE GUNS! AND THIS ANCIENT WELL SEEMS BOTTOMLESS--- THESE WEAPONS WON'T BE USED BY ANY-ONE ANY-MORE!

NEXT DAY...

SMART IDEA, VEKING--- TO DIVERT THIS UNDERGROUND RIVER INTO THE CATACOMBS! NOW LET'S SEE BATMAN AND ROBIN TRY TO ESCAPE!

THEY TOOK AWAY OUR GUNS, SO WE'LL KILL THEM WITH OUR BARE HANDS! THIS OUGHT TO FLUSH THEM OUT INTO THE OPEN--- IF THEY DON'T WANT TO DROWN!

AND, SOON AFTER...

VEKING AND HIS MEN--- THEY'RE COMING!

BATMAN! THE CATACOMBS ARE FLOODED! WE CAN'T HIDE THERE ANY MORE!

THEN THIS IS THE SHOWDOWN I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR! WITHOUT THEIR GUNS, IT SHOULD BE A MORE EVEN FIGHT! GET READY, MEN! FOLLOW MY LEAD!

MINUTES LATER, THE LONG-DEAD CITY RESOUNDS WITH THE SOUNDS OF BATTLE AS THE FORCES OF VEKING AND BATMAN CLASH---

WHAT'S THE MATTER, VEKING? WITHOUT GUNS, YOU DON'T SEEM SO TOUGH!

ENRAGED, VEKING GROPES FOR A WEAPON AND PULLS A ROCK OUT OF A NEARBY WALL! SUDDENLY---

BATMAN! BY PULLING OUT THAT ROCK, HE'S LOOSENED THAT GARGOYLE! HE'LL BE CRUSHED!

VEKING! LOOK OUT!

STUNNED BY THE LOSS OF THEIR LEADER, VEKING'S MEN ARE QUICKLY SUBDUED. THEN...

BUT, A MOMENT LATER...

I DON'T THINK WE CAN HELP HIM, ROBIN! IT LOOKS LIKE VEKING IS DONE FOR!

CRUSHED BY THE GARGOYLE TUPULCAN--- THE ANCIENT GOD OF REVENGE! AN IRONIC TWIST!

I'M (GASP) A GONER, BATMAN--- BUT YOU HAVEN'T WON! YOU'LL NEVER GET OFF THIS ISLAND, BECAUSE YOU'LL NEVER FIND MY SUBMARINE! (GASP

HE'S RIGHT! NOBODY BUT HIM KNEW WHERE HE HID IT! MANY TIMES WE SEARCHED FOR IT--- WITH NO LUCK! IT WAS HIS SECRET--- AND HE KEPT IT, EVEN TO HIS DEATH!

LATER...

NOW THAT VEKING IS DEAD AND THE FIGHT IS OVER, YOU ARE ALL MY PRISONERS. YOU'LL BE LOCKED UP WHILE **ROBIN** AND I HUNT FOR VEKING'S SUBMARINE...

(WHISPER) WE HAD TO PLAY ALONG--- WE CAN'T GO NOWHERE WITHOUT THAT SUB! BUT ONCE **BATMAN** FINDS IT, IT'S EVERY MAN FOR HIMSELF, **AGAINST BATMAN!**

FOR HOURS, THE CAPED PAIR CAREFULLY SEARCH THE ISLAND. THEN, LATE IN THE AFTERNOON...

NOTHING! WE'VE COMBED THE WHOLE SHORELINE, LAGOONS, INLETS, EVERYTHING! AND NOTHING BUT WATER AND CORAL REEFS! CORAL EVERYWHERE--- EVEN IN THIS POOL!

CORAL! ROBIN--- YOU'VE HIT ON SOMETHING!

DON'T YOU SEE! CORAL ORGANISMS GROW ONLY IN **SALT** WATER! NORMALLY, AN INLAND POOL IS **SWEET** WATER! THIS POOL **MUST** CONNECT WITH THE SEA! AND LOOK! A WATER-LINE OF LIMESTONE LEFT ON THAT ROCK BY CORAL DECAY--- WHY IS IT THREE INCHES SUBMERGED?

THE POOL IS THREE INCHES HIGHER THAN USUAL--- MAYBE BECAUSE SOMETHING IS **INSIDE!** LET'S DIVE IN AND LOOK!

SURE ENOUGH! AND THERE'S THE UNDER-GROUND CHANNEL THAT LEADS TO THE SEA. WITH RADAR, IT WOULD BE A CINCH TO NAVIGATE IT!

HMM! ELECTRIC WIRES RUNNING OUT OF THAT TREE AND INTO THE GROUND! PROBABLY LEADS TO A BIG STORAGE BATTERY SOMEPLACE! I WANT TO EXAMINE THAT TREE!

AND THEN, AS **BATMAN** DISCOVERS THE RADIO CONTROLS IN THE TREE..

THERE IT IS, **ROBIN!** I THOUGHT THESE CONTROLS WOULD SURFACE IT!

BOY! LET'S TAKE A LOOK INSIDE!

WHAT A JOB! EVERYTHING WORKS BY RADO CONTROLS!

HERE COMES TROUBLE! SOME-HOW OUR PRISONERS BROKE THEIR BONDS--- AND SPOTTED THE SUB! WE CAN'T FIGHT THEM ALL! WE'VE GOT TO THINK OF SOMETHING!

SOON AFTER...

I SEARCHED THE SUB FROM STEM TO STERN! BATMAN AND ROBIN AREN'T ABOARD. THEY MUST HAVE SPOTTED US AND TAKEN OFF!

THEN THEY'VE FALLEN INTO OUR TRAP! THEY DON'T KNOW WE FOUND POISONOUS GAS BOMBS WHICH WE SET TO GO OFF IN TEN MINUTES AND WILL BLANKET THE ISLAND WITH DEATH! COME ON... WE'LL LEAVE THOSE TWO BEHIND!

AND WITH ONE OF VEKING'S EXPERIENCED PILOTS AT THE CONTROLS, THE SUB HEADS OUT FOR OPEN SEA!

IT WON'T BE LONG NOW, BOYS! PILOT SAYS IT'S JUST A TWO DAYS' RUN TO THE MAINLAND!

THEN, TWO DAYS LATER...

WE'RE HERE, MATES! NOW ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS WAIT FOR DARKNESS! THEN WE CAN SURFACE AND MAKE FOR SHORE! AND WHAT ADDS TO MY HAPPINESS IS, I REMEMBER BATMAN AND ROBIN--- ARE DEAD!

BUT LATER, WHEN THE CRIMINALS SWIM FOR SHORE, THEY RECEIVE A SUDDEN SHOCK!

THOSE LIGHTS! WHAT HAPPENED? IT'S BATMAN AND ROBIN! BUT HOW!?? WE LEFT YOU FOR DEAD!

YOU THOUGHT YOU DID!

"WHEN WE SAW YOU COMING, WE DASHED DOWN INTO THE SUB AND HID WITHIN THE TORPEDO-TUBES!"

BATMAN TO ROBIN! IT'S CRAMPED QUARTERS... BUT WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO HOLD OUT FOR A FEW DAYS!

DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME! I'M SMALLER THAN YOU--- GOT LOTS MORE ROOM!

"WE KNEW THE TORPEDO TUBES COULD BE SET OFF BY RADIO CONTROL! WHEN THE SUB STOPPED, ROBIN AND I TUNED OUR BELT RADIOS TO THE RIGHT FREQUENCY AND TOUCHED OFF THE TORPEDO-TUBE MECHANISM..."

THEY'LL THINK THE JOLT OF THE TORPEDO-TRIGGER WAS A SHIFT IN TIDE, OR SOMETHING!

NOW TO GET THE POLICE AND ARRANGE FOR A LITTLE WELCOMING PARTY TONIGHT!

A FEW DAYS LATER..

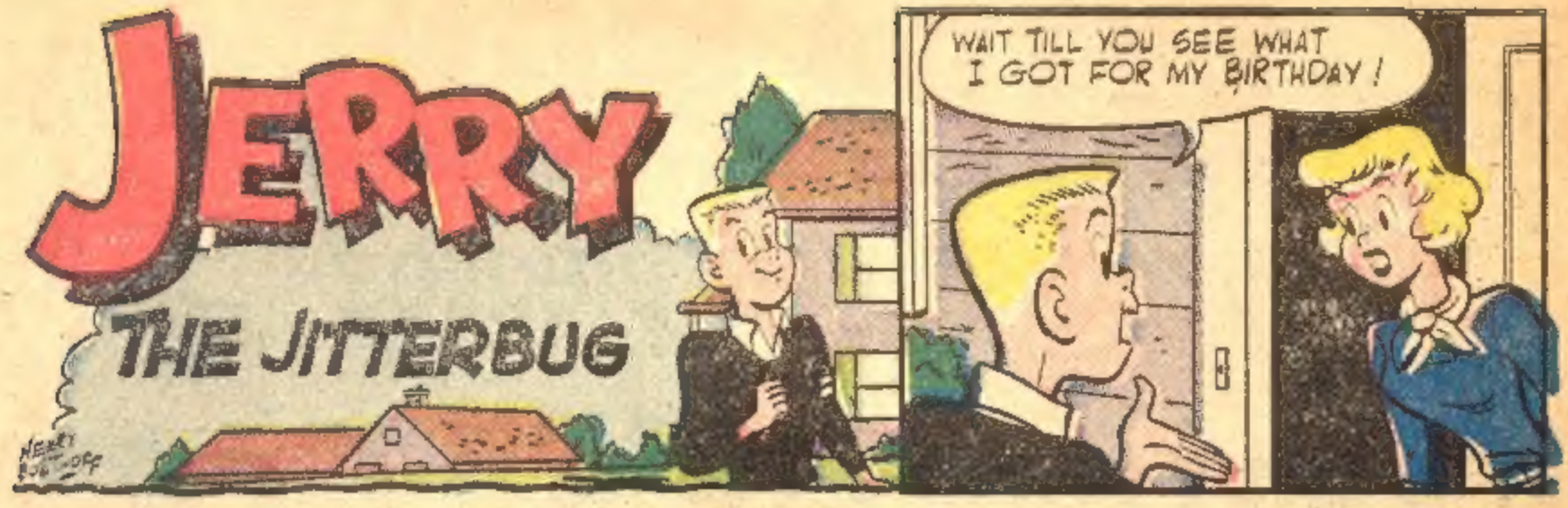
I'M GLAD IT'S OVER! I NEVER DID LIKE HAVING CRIMINALS FOR ALLIES!

NEITHER DID I! I'LL SETTLE FOR YOU, COMMISSIONER... ANY DAY!

THE END

JERRY

THE JITTERBUG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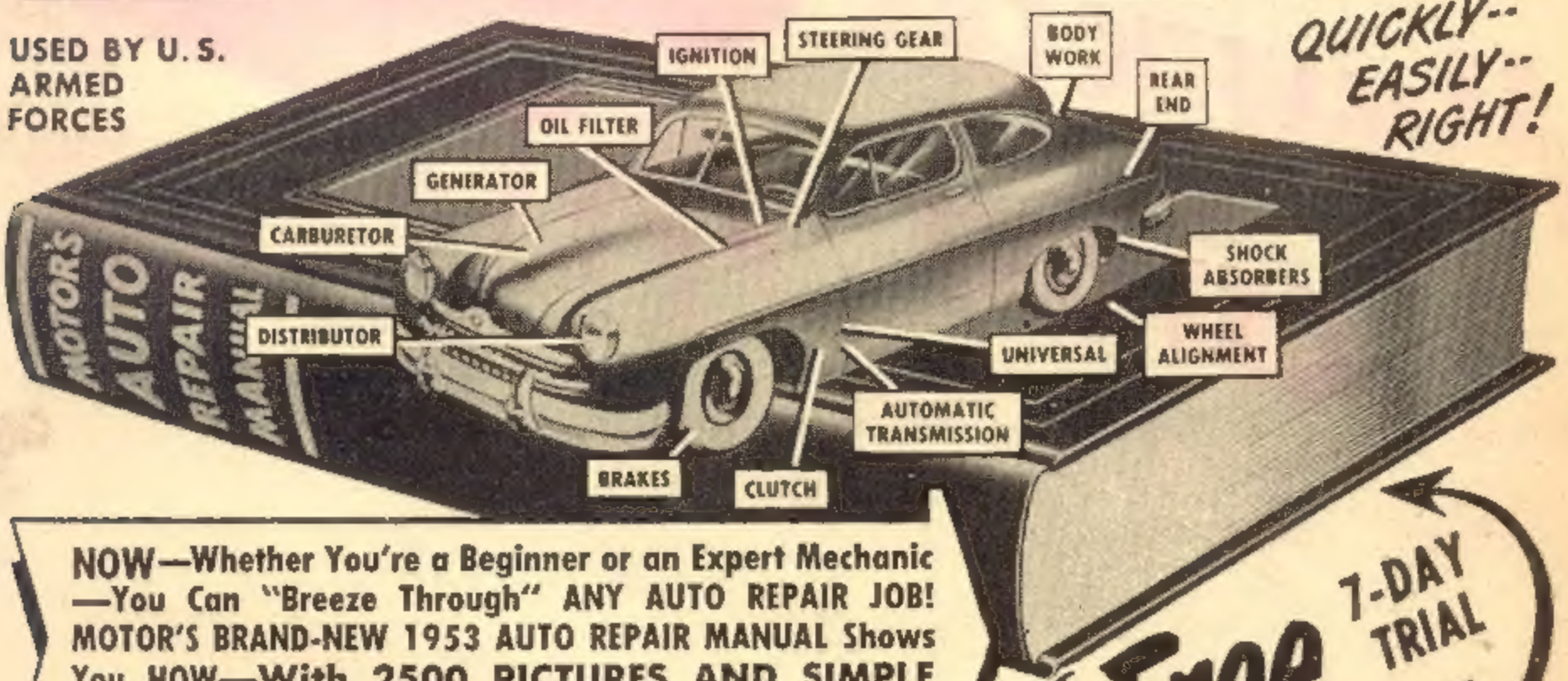

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